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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re:   **Balanced Consensus Proposal for Reconfiguring the 700  
MHz Band Plans in WT Docket No. 06-150 (REVISED VERSION)***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

After reviewing the initial Comments in this 700 MHz proceeding, and the many common elements reflected in several alternative proposals offered by interested parties to re-configure the Upper and Lower 700 MHz bands, the following entities have agreed upon and hereby submit the enclosed balanced consensus 700 MHz band plan for the Commission's consideration.

The group supporting this Balanced Consensus Plan is extremely diverse, representing a broad cross-section of small, mid-sized, regional and rural carrier interests, as well as the interests of several states. The signatories are:

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Blooston Rural Carriers  
C&W Enterprises, Inc.  
ConnectME Authority  
Corr Wireless Communications, LLC  
Dobson Communications Corporation  
Leap Wireless International, Inc.  
Maine Office of the Chief Information Officer  
MetroPCS Communications, Inc.  
National Telecommunications Cooperative Association  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Rural Cellular Association  
Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc.  
Union Telephone Company  
United States Cellular Corporation  
Vermont Department of Public Service  
Vermont Office of the Chief Information Officer

Vermont Public Service Board  
Vermont Telephone Company, Inc.

The supporters of this consensus proposal consider the attached plan to reflect a sound and balanced approach that will provide for a mix of licenses of varying sizes and geographic regions, which in turn will facilitate the competitive and rapid deployment of innovative wireless services in the 700 MHz bands. The plan thus will advance the goals of promoting economic opportunity and competition, and of disseminating licenses across a wide variety of applicants, expressed by Congress in Section 309(j) of the Communications Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## BALANCED CONSENSUS 700 MHz BAND PLAN

### Upper 700 MHz Band

747				762		777				792	
A	C	D	E	B	Public Safety	A	C	D	E	B	Public Safety
CH. 60	CH. 61	CH. 62	CH. 63	CH. 64	CH. 65	CH. 66	CH. 67	CH. 68	CH. 69		
746	752	758	764	770	776	782	788	794	800	806	

	<u>Block</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>	<u>Bandwidth</u>	<u>Pairing</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Type</u>
<u>Licenses</u>						
	A	746-747, 776-777	2 MHz	2 x 1 MHz	MEA	52*
	B	762-764, 792-794	4 MHz	2 x 2 MHz	MEA	52*
	C	747-752, 777-782	10 MHz	2 x 5 MHz	CMA	734
	D	752-757, 782-787	10 MHz	2 x 5 MHz	EA	176
	E	757-762, 787-792	10 MHz	2 x 5 MHz	EA	176

### Lower 700 MHz Band

698	704	710	716	722	728	734	740
A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C
CH. 52	CH. 53	CH. 54	CH. 55	CH. 56	CH. 57	CH. 58	CH. 59

	<u>Block</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>	<u>Bandwidth</u>	<u>Pairing</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Type</u>
<u>Licenses</u>						
	A	698-704, 728-734	12 MHz	2 x 6 MHz	REAG	12
	B	704-710, 734-740	12 MHz	2 x 6 MHz	CMA	734
	C	710-716, 740-746	12 MHz	2 x 6 MHz	MSA/RSA	734*
	D	716-722	6 MHz	unpaired	700 MHz EAG	
	6*					
	E	722-728	6 MHz	unpaired	REAG	12

\*Blocks have been auctioned.

+Please note that this Consensus Plan is submitted without prejudice to the signatories' ability to support or oppose the Cyren Call proposal that would remove the Upper 700 MHz Band from the auction.